



Gov't. hides increases

Education officials have not been dealing with students fairly. They have been concealing the information necessary for post secondary education students to understand exactly what is going to happen in the way of tuition increase.

Education Minister Mitchell walked out on a student meeting with an unfulfilled promise to return. He had told the students that the budgetary information could not be released. Now, through a leak in the report to the Treasury Boards, we understand he could have given out the information as far back as December.

A tuition increase is inevitable. The Association of Atlantic Universities have asked for a 12% increase in funding, and according to a member, Jeffrey Holmes, they will only be getting 7.5%. It will be very hard for universities to operate on that.

The government is doing their best to make sure students do not know about the tuition increase until **after** it happens.

Their treatment of students is disheartening and totally, unjustifiable. Our trust in the government has weakened.

Unfair election

Principles were not a high priority at Monday evening's council meeting. A one vote margin decided that Dalhousie students would not have to face another council election. However, if council members had to vote only on whether the elections were run properly or not, the vote margin would have been wider. Generally, they agreed that the election procedures were not valid. However, the practicalities of running another election held them back from voting for what they really believe.

Some councillors did not want another election because it is so late in the year. Also, expenses and inconvenience would be excessive. As well, they claimed, "little would actually be gained" — what's done is done.

Despite these alleged "objective reasons" nothing was more apparent than the fact the council members really only had one thing in mind—the fate of the candidates they supported. Who would want another election if this created a risk for their favorite in the campaign who has already been elected? Some council members obviously put their bias ahead of their morals.

The great discrepancy between the number of ballots received and the number of names crossed off by the poll clerks is evidence that the elections were not carried out fairly. One person attending the meeting admitted that she had the opportunity to vote more than once, when she was handed four presidential ballots. A **Gazette** staffer went to a polling station only to find there were no science ballots available.

The February 16 elections were carried out incompetently. The blame lies both with council and the election workers.

Granted, it would be a bother to have another election and the turnout might be poor, but this does not justify council voting against giving Dalhousie students a chance to **fairly** exercise their right to vote.

by Valerie Mansour

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Yearbook disappointing

To the Gazette:

I received my copy of the Dal. yearbook yesterday and am very disappointed in its quality of both presentation and content. Besides not including many graduation pictures, some were faded or mis-placed (they saw fit to bestow a science degree on me). Also, the

labelling system was quite poor.

Some activity photos were well done, even though the authors limited too many to the vicinity of the Grawood lounge (laziness or necessity?) contact sports received good coverage. Its unfortunate that the yearbook staff did not see fit to include other activities such as our excellent scuba-diving, karate, parachuting, and war-gaming clubs. The strong theater and music departments with their numerous performances received no attention.

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